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Week of October 18 – 24, 2010

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Fall weather provides favorable harvesting conditions, but winter may be just around the corner.

Corn and sugarbeet harvest continues, as haying and harvest for dry beans and silage nears completion. Temperatures for the reference week still remain above normal but changes may be on the way as Lincoln County reported cold temperatures and snow on the ground as of this morning. Uinta County reported good livestock conditions despite tinder dry conditions in the high mountain areas and across the valley floors. Other counties, such as Carbon reported significant accumulation of rain fall over the weekend. High temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the upper 70s. Low temperatures ranged from the mid 10s to the mid 30s.

SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	13	9	0	10
Short	45	47	11	26
Adequate	42	44	87	62
Surplus	0	0	2	2

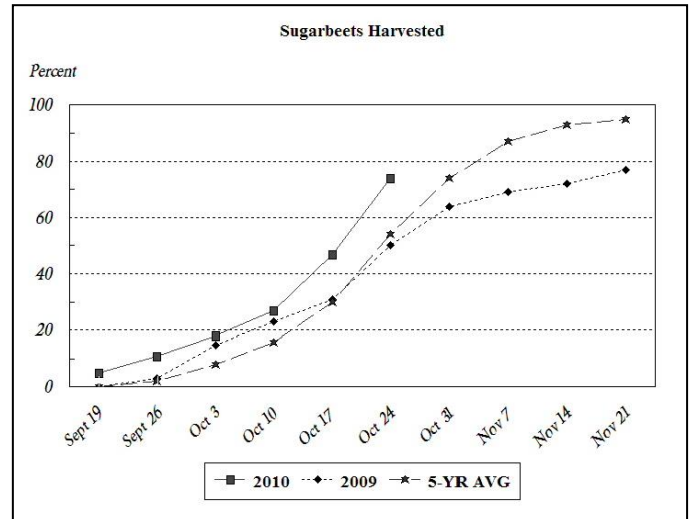
FIELD CROP REPORT: Days suitable for field work were 6.1 with adequate or better topsoil decreasing 2 points compared to last week. The dry late summer and fall conditions have left topsoil moisture rated adequate or better well below both last year and the 5-year average. The lack of moisture has also slowed the emergence of the 2011 winter wheat crop which continues to lag behind compared to last year and the average. The harvests of all remaining crops, except for silage, continue ahead of this time last year and the 5-year average. The condition of winter wheat, corn and sugarbeets remain equal or better to last week's estimates.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wheat	0	0	45	55	0
Corn	1	3	19	77	0
Sugarbeets	0	1	9	86	4

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wheat Emerged	94	82	100	100
Dry Beans Combined	97	92	88	86
Corn Mature	93	92	94	85
Corn Harvested	54	46	12	22
Corn Silage	90	87	99	99
Sugarbeets Harvested	74	47	50	54
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	92	90	88	88



LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: The percent of range and pasture rated good or better declined slightly from last week and is up compared to last year and the 5-year average. Producers continue to move livestock from summer pastures, as 75 percent of cattle and 78 percent of sheep have been moved. Livestock remain in favorable condition with 82 percent rated good or excellent. Hay and roughage supply estimates are also positive, with the amount rated adequate or better equal to this time last year and above the 5-year average.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION

	This Week	As of 9/20	As of 8/23	Last Year
Very Poor	0	0	0	0
Poor	0	0	0	1
Fair	18	12	5	10
Good	80	80	89	87
Excellent	2	8	6	2

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	2	1	1	10
Poor	10	10	15	18
Fair	38	38	35	35
Good	43	43	46	34
Excellent	7	8	3	3

HAY AND ROUGHAGE SUPPLIES

	This Week	As of 10/12	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	0	1	3
Short	4	3	5	15
Adequate	90	89	87	74
Surplus	6	8	7	8

WEATHER SUMMARY: For the fourth week in a row, temperatures averaged above normal at all 33 reporting stations, with 29 of them reporting averages 5 or more degrees above normal. Average air temperature for the week ranged from 1 degree above normal at Old Fort Laramie and Wheatland to 10 degrees above normal at Buffalo-Johnson. The high temperature for the state was 79 degrees at Torrington, while a low of 16 degrees occurred at Shirley Basin. Buford again received the most precipitation for the week with 0.83 inches, putting them 4.67 inches above normal for cumulative precipitation since January 1. Nine stations received above normal precipitation for the reference week and 19 stations remain below normal for cumulative precipitation since January 1.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 24, 2010 ^{1/}

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
District 1									
Cody	70	34	51	6	0.02	0.21	-0.19	4.65	-5.24
Dubois	71	25	46	8	0.00	0.14	-0.14	11.58	3.02
Greybull	73	31	50	8	0.00	0.14	-0.14	6.55	-0.20
Jeffrey City	69	22	46	5	0.00	0.14	-0.14	11.49	2.07
Lake Yellowstone	69	27	46	8	0.16	0.21	-0.05	10.48	-2.21
Lander	70	36	52	9	0.00	0.28	-0.28	12.92	1.38
Powell	69	29	48	7	0.00	0.13	-0.13	4.30	-2.24
Riverton	67	33	51	8	0.00	0.14	-0.14	8.90	1.71
Worland	73	31	50	5	0.00	0.14	-0.14	6.39	-0.80
District 2									
Big Horn	76	32	51	9	0.03	0.28	-0.25	15.35	2.39
Buffalo-Johnson	76	36	53	10	0.03	0.21	-0.18	12.48	0.14
Gillette	75	25	50	7	0.07	0.35	-0.28	12.45	-2.35
Mid-West	75	28	49	5	0.06	0.25	-0.19	9.98	-2.18
Newcastle	76	30	51	7	0.27	0.28	-0.01	11.15	-3.33
Sheridan	77	31	51	8	0.01	0.28	-0.27	13.54	0.53
Sundance	71	27	49	7	0.14	0.35	-0.21	18.87	2.11
District 3									
Big Piney	65	20	44	8	0.00	0.14	-0.14	4.26	-2.33
Evanston	65	31	48	8	0.21	0.26	-0.05	9.21	-0.60
Jackson Hole	66	21	43	6	0.10	0.28	-0.18	12.62	-3.76
Thayne	68	21	43	5	0.10	0.30	-0.20	13.21	-1.70
District 4									
Casper	72	26	50	7	0.14	0.25	-0.11	10.36	-1.02
Laramie	68	26	44	5	0.60	0.15	0.45	9.02	-1.11
Rawlins	67	24	47	4	0.00	0.21	-0.21	6.52	-1.94
Rock Springs	66	34	49	8	0.00	0.21	-0.21	5.63	-2.44
Shirley Basin	65	16	40	6	0.07	0.14	-0.07	8.85	-0.35
District 5									
Buford	71	31	47	9	0.83	0.16	0.67	18.29	4.67
Cheyenne	70	34	49	6	0.44	0.14	0.30	13.35	-0.86
Chugwater	76	29	48	5	0.51	0.21	0.30	19.59	5.42
Douglas	73	28	49	5	0.22	0.14	0.08	11.14	-0.17
Lance Creek	72	28	48	3	0.45	0.21	0.24	16.96	4.69
Old Fort Laramie	72	24	45	1	0.15	0.14	0.01	17.04	4.83
Torrington	79	30	50	5	0.39	0.21	0.18	13.93	1.19
Wheatland	74	29	49	1	0.34	0.18	0.16	14.67	2.57

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN=Departure from Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955